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SUBJECT: FRG/CZECHOSLOVAK RELATIONS

SUMMARY: CZECH DEPUTY FONMIN SPACIL AND FRG POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL MET FEB. 26-27. THEIR DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL ISSUES SHOWED ONLY LIMITED PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS IN SHORT TERM. SPACIL WAS DEFENSIVE ON CSCE AND SAID NOTHING NEW ON MBFR. VISIT OF HUSAK MAY BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER FRG ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO FONOFF, DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL RELATIONS OCCUPIED MOST OF TWO-DAY VISIT BY SPACIL. EUROPEAN ISSUES AND ANGOLA WERE ALSO RAISED. FONOFF CHARACTERIZED THE DISCUSSION AS A USEFUL FOLLOW-UP TO VISIT BY FONMIN GENSCHER TO PRAGUE IN MARCH, 1975, AND THE FIRST IN WHAT IS TO BE A SERIES OF REGULAR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO FONOFFS.

2. BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS: FONOFF STATES THAT THEY ARE IN RELATIVELY GOOD SHAPE. THEY WERE, THEREFORE, NOT DISCUSSED AT LENGTH. CZECH EXPORTS TO FRG IN 1975 INCREASED 11.8 PERCENT TO 1.158 BILLION DM. FRG EXPORTS DECLINED 5.9 PERCENT TO 1.678 BILLION DM. RESULTING DEFICIT IS OF MANAGEABLE PROPORTIONS, WHICH CONTRASTS WITH SITUATION IN REST OF EASTERN EUROPE. PRESSURE FOR CREDITS WAS CORRESPONDINGLY DECREASED.

4. CULTURAL AGREEMENT: SPACIL AND VAN WELL AGREED TO EXCHANGE DRAFTS OF CULTURAL AGREEMENT. FONOFF ANTICIPATES NO PROBLEM IN NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, NEGOTIATION OF PROTOCOL WILL FOLLOW AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE DEPENDENT ON RESOLUTION OF BERLIN PROBLEM IN FRG/USSR CULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS.

5. SCIENTIFIC/TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT: DRAFTS HAD BEEN EXCHANGED UNOFFICIALLY BEFORE SPACIL'S VISIT. FRG ANTICIPATES NO PROGRESS IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL AGREEMENT SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED WITH USSR.

6. EMIGRATION OF ETHNIC GERMANS: EMIGRATION INCREASED  
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SLIGHTLY IN 1975, TO A TOTAL OF 518, OF WHICH 338 WERE LEGAL FIGURES FOR '74: TOTAL 387, OF WHICH 179 WERE LEGAL. SPACIL SPECIFICALLY ASSURED VAN WELL THAT CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN SOME NEW MEASURES WITHIN LAST MONTH WHICH WILL RESULT IN INCREASED EMIGRATION IN NEAR FUTURE. ACCORDING TO FONOFF RED CROSS HAS 4,500 ACTUAL APPLICATIONS FOR EMIGRATION FROM TOTAL ETHNIC GERMAN POPULATION OF 77,000, OF WHICH

20,000 ARE REGISTERED WITH RED CROSS.

7. BUNDESTAG DELEGATION: SPACIL INFORMED VAN WELL THAT DELEGATION FROM BUNDESTAG WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO VISIT PRAGUE MARCH 22 MUST POSTPONE VISIT. OSTENSIBLE REASON IS CONFLICT WITH SLOVAK PARTY CONGRESS. SPACIL ADDED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT THE REAL MOTIVE BEHIND POSTPONEMENT IS THAT THE CZECHS DO NOT KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THE QUESTION OF BERLIN DEPUTIES IF ANY ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DELEGATION. FONOFF SAID THAT POSTPONEMENT OF VISIT HAS NO CONNECTION WITH CONTROVERSY THAT HAS ARISEN OVER CZECH DENIAL OF VISA TO BUNDESTAG DEPUTY HUPKA. FONMIN GENSCHER HAS PROTESTED THIS ACTION, BUT ONLY BECAUSE ISSUE BECAME PUBLIC AND RECEIVED EXTENSIVE TREATMENT IN FRG PRESS.

8. HUSAK VISIT: FONOFF HAS TOLD US THAT PLANNED VISIT

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BY HUSAK TO FRG THIS SPRING IS "LESS PROBABLE."  
SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES RESULTING FROM EXTENDED DEBATE  
OVER POLISH AGREEMENTS AND UPCOMING FRG ELECTIONS ARE  
PURPORTED TO BE THE REASON. OUR SOURCE DID NOT RULE  
OUT POSSIBILITY THAT VISIT CAN STILL TAKE PLACE THIS  
SPRING, BUT EMBASSY REGARDS THIS AS IMPROBABLE

9. CSCE: SPACIL WAS DEFENSIVE, COMPLAINED ABOUT  
WESTERN EMPHASIS ON BASKET III, AND FELL BACK ON  
ARGUMENT THAT ALL PARTS OF THE FINAL DOCUMENT ARE EQUAL.  
IN THIS CONNECTION, SPACIL COMPLAINED ABOUT US DESIRE  
FOR USIS LIBRARY IN PRAGUE, SAYING THAT SUCH A LIBRARY  
COULD BE ESTABLISHED ONLY AFTER A STEP-BY-STEP IMPROVE-  
MENT IN BILATERAL RELATIONS. SPACIL CLAIMED THAT CZECH  
PERFORMANCE ON BASKET III ISSUES IS GOOD. HE CLAIMED,  
FOR EXAMPLE, THAT OVER PAST THREE YEARS CZECHO-  
SLOVAK GOVERNMENT HAS ISSUED 900 MARRIAGE LICENSES IN  
CASES OF CZECHOSLOVAK/WEST GERMAN MARRIAGES AND A TOTAL  
OF 3,600 LICENSES FOR MIXED MARRIAGES WITH ALL FOREIGN  
NATIONALITIES. HE ALSO CITED INCREASED TOURISM, BOTH  
WESTERNERS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKS TO THE  
WEST, AS EXAMPLES OF COMPLIANCE WITH BASKET III.

10. MBFR: SPACIL MADE NO COMMENT ON EITHER NEW  
EASTERN OR WESTERN PROPOSAL. HE RATHER ARGUED THAT  
BOTH EAST AND WEST MUST CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS ON  
MILITARY DETENTE NOW THAT POLITICAL DETENTE (CSCE) HAS  
BEEN ACHIEVED. OUR SOURCE SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED  
TO PUT MBFR ON THE AGENDA FOR THE TALKS BUT THAT

ACTUAL DISCUSSION WAS DESULTORY.

11. ANGOLA AND PORTUGAL: VAN WELL CITED BOTH AS EXAMPLES OF ISSUES WHICH HAVE CAUSED A SLACKENING OF PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR DETENTE. SPACIL REPLIED THAT CONCLUSION OF CSCE DID NOT PUT AN END TO ALL EAST/WEST CONFLICTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. SINCE CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS SUPPORTED THE MPLA FOR 10 YEARS AND OPPOSED DICTATORSHIP IN PORTUGAL FOR AT LEAST AS LONG, CZECH POSITION ON BOTH ISSUES IS CONSISTENT AND HAS NOT CHANGED. HE SAID THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS GOOD RELATIONS WITH "BOURGEOIS" GOVERNMENT IN PORTUGAL IN  
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SPITE OF ITS HOPES THAT A SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT WOULD COME INTO POWER.

12. COMMENT: THE VISIT WAS USEFUL IN IDENTIFYING BILATERAL ISSUES, BUT IT IS ALSO EVIDENT THAT LITTLE PROGRESS WAS MADE AND THAT PROSPECTS FOR SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THE NEAR FUTURE ARE NOT TOO BRIGHT. IF EMIGRATION OF ETHNIC GERMANS ACTUALLY INCREASES, BILATERAL RELATIONS WILL BE ENHANCED. HOWEVER, IF HUSAK VISIT IS DELAYED UNTIL AFTER FRG ELECTIONS, THE POSTPONEMENT IS LIKELY TO CAST SOME SHADOW ON BILATERAL RELATIONS.  
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